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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged to higher throughout the country. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good entering the week, with best movement centering around the scattered feature interest. Supplies were generally adequate to instances tight, with mediums usually in the closest position. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally fair. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processors' needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 4 cents higher for mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents higher for mediums. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to good, best where specials were in progress. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and mediums were close to tight.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin Cities were higher on all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 2 cents for medium, 1 cent on small, and were unchanged for large. In Chicago prices increased 3 cents for medium and were unchanged for large and extra large. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best into retail features. Supplies were adequate to close for all sizes. Nest run breaking stock prices were 1 cent higher. Most breakers were not interested in additional product, but those who needed more product paid the high side of the range. Trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** Extra large and large prices unchanged, mediums advanced 3 cents. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to instances good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to close on all sizes.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were higher on all sizes. In Florida, extra large and large prices were slightly lower, but mediums were higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate to fair entering the week, best where scattered features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced with mediums usually in the best position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 15, 1999, was 45.25 cents, 3.41 cents lower than the week before, and 27.38 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Spent hen availability was more than sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 15% lower than last week with California down 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 13%. Retailer demand good. Offerings short.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	90-92	77-79	56-61
New York	53-55	50-53	42-45
Philadelphia	50-53	48-51	37-42
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	35-36
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-63	47-61	39-53
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	43-48	42-47	35-40
Detroit (2)	40-43	39-42	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	41-46	40-44	30-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	42-49	35-42
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	58-59	55-58	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	75	67	58
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 16% lower than last week. Retailer demand good. Offerings short of full needs. Small invoice price 38. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 119-129, 18 pack 99-159.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	92		
EXTRA LARGE	75		
LARGE	67		
MEDIUM	58		
<b>PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.</b>			

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-269
EXTRA LARGE	199-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-239
LARGE	169-209	LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	139-205	MEDIUM	149-185

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 22, 1999 will increase by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 15, 1999 were 293,119 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	256,850	36,269	293,119
% change from the prior week.....	+15	+7	+14

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged with nest run mostly prices 1 cent higher. Breakers were usually satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production with some breakers paying the high side for additional product. Supplies adequate to at least adequate. Trade sentiment steady.  
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	23-25	24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-10	9

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for a moderate but slightly improved demand. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-16	7.75-14.5	10.65
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-11	12.05

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Oct 18, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.1	12.8	5.3	11.9	8.5	46.6
	Change	0.3	4.0	0.7	0.3	-0.5	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	22.5	9.1	24.0	16.3	99.5
	Change	-2.0	-9.0	-1.0	-1.6	-1.3	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	35.5	64.1	53.2	63.6	68.5	284.9
	Change	-14.1	-4.1	-6.6	5.9	-15.6	-11%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.5	26.6	12.5	17.1	21.4	87.1
	Change	-1.5	1.2	-1.0	-2.6	-1.8	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	4.1	2.3	3.9	5.9	19.8
	Change	-0.5	-0.9	0.1	-1.6	0.5	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	21.0	9.3	9.5	5.8	51.7
	Change	1.5	0.3	-1.3	-0.9	1.5	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	35.9	76.0	19.5	22.7	41.2	195.3
	Change	1.0	-8.6	-1.9	1.4	-11.4	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	126.3	227.1	111.2	152.7	167.6	784.9
Percent	Change	-11%	-7%	-9%	1%	-15%	-8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	784.9	-8%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	502.5	-1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1287.4	-6%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 04, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 04, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/15/99

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	16.00	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	15.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	31.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	—	—	26.00	29.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	48.50	—	—	—	48.50	2.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	34.00	37.00	3.00		
GL W LG	—	—	32.00	34.00	40.00	—	3.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.00	1.00		
GL W MD	—	—	29.00	31.00	26.00	29.25	4.00	NRBS - 48	24.75	—	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GL W SM	—	—	16.17	18.17	—	—	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	27.75	12.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/11/99 - 10/15/99

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	82.50	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	36.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	118.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 1	29.17	32.58	25.17	27.50	30.33	—	21.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	25.33	—	29.00	30.83	10.00	GNR W 2	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.00	5.50	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W XL	32.06	—	—	—	—	—	40.68	5.75	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	29.07	37.83	—	—	—	—	42.65	9.25	
GL W XL	—	—	33.00	36.00	33.61	31.50	10.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	34.00	37.00	5.00		
GL W LG	—	—	31.75	33.83	36.24	32.00	12.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	17.00	20.00	4.00		
GL W MD	36.50	—	24.00	26.00	27.63	29.25	9.75	NRBS - 48	24.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GL W SM	—	—	15.79	17.71	—	—	7.00										
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	—	26.00	25.00	27.75	17.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/3/99 - 10/9/99****Origin**

State	CO	GA	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	960	0	0	0	810	0	0	1,847	0	1,650	0	5,267
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	810	0	0	0	0	810
S. CA	3,413	620	7,737	952	3,080	3,553	5,160	1,847	4,030	1,957	900	31,402
TTL STATE	4,373	620	7,737	952	3,890	3,553	5,970	1,847	4,030	3,607	900	37,479

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	71-74	58-61	40-43	10-13

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
48-51	39-45	37-42	29-34	15-19

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
23-25	17-19	5-7

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
55.45	48.50	34.17

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/11/99	10/04/99	10/12/98
PACIFIC COAST	2	26	14
LOS ANGELES	0	0	14

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR OCTOBER 12, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTD AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND:	10/3-9/99	9/26-10/2/99
30-dozen cases	3,167	4,078

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